

Chapter 182: SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater 10-18-1976 by Ord. No. 76-30. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Closing of streets — See Ch. 74.

Excavations — See Ch. 89.

Littering and handbills — See Ch. 132.

Public health nuisances — See Ch. 145.

Reimbursement for snow removal — See Ch. 183, Art. I.

§ 182-1. Removal from sidewalks by owners; time limit.

The owner or owners, tenant or tenants of any land abutting upon the public streets, avenues and highways of the Township of Bridgewater shall remove all snow and ice from the abutting sidewalks of such public streets, avenues and highways within 12 hours of daylight after the same shall cease to fall or be formed thereon or within such longer period as shall be fixed by the Mayor or Director of Public Works in the event of emergency.

§ 182-1.2. Dumping snow or ice on traveled way.

[Added 1-22-1998 by Ord. No. 98-1]

Furthermore, no owner or owners, tenant or tenants, contractors or subcontractors shall plow, shovel, blow, throw or otherwise deposit snow onto or into any public roadway or street within the Township in such a manner so as to result in the reduction of the cleared traveled way to a width of 18 feet or less, thus preventing, restricting or impeding the free and clear passage of pedestrians and motor vehicles. Any sump pump discharging into the public right-of-way in such a manner as to cause an icing condition within the traveled way shall be redirected by the homeowner to a discharge point that does not adversely impact the public right-of-way. Property owners, their tenants and their contractors shall be held equally responsible.

§ 182-2. Sanding or salting permitted.

In the event of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impracticable, the owner or owners, tenant or tenants of lands abutting or bordering upon the public streets, avenues or highways shall cause the same to be thoroughly covered with sand, ashes or rock salt within 24 hours after the same shall cease to fall or be formed thereon.

§ 182-3. Removal by Township; cost as lien.

In cases where the owner or owners, tenant or tenants shall have refused or neglected to remove the same in the manner and within the time provided above, the snow and

ice shall be removed from any sidewalk of the offending owner or owners, tenant or tenants or covered as provided for in § 182-2 above under the direction of the Director of Public Works, who shall certify the cost thereof to the governing body, which shall examine the certificate and, if found correct, shall cause the cost as shown thereon to be charged against the land abutting or bordering such sidewalk; the amount so charged shall forthwith become a lien upon such land and shall be added to and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes.

§ 182-4. Violations and penalties.

[Amended 10-3-1997 by Ord. No. 77-37]

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or both. Each and every twenty-four-hour period that such violation continues shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.